

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, March 9th, 2015 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Organizational Meeting
 - Appointments
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes: 02/23/15
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns:
 Bruce Lierman - Western New England Green - Way regarding Bike Route
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Liquor License
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

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Jonas Rosenthal called the meeting to order. Others present included: Selectmen Ed Lewis, Jeff King, Corey Davenport and Tom Coloutti. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Road Foreman; and Bruce Lierman representing the Western New England Green Way. Those arriving at a later time in the meeting included: Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief and Scottie Williams, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief; and Town Constable Dale Kerber.

Organizational Meeting: Rosenthal requested nominations for Select Board Chair. Jeff King placed in nomination Ed Lewis as Chairman. No other nominations were offered. Corey Davenport seconded the nomination. Motion approved.

Ed Lewis placed in nomination Jeff King as Vice Chairman. No other nominations were received. Corey Davenport seconded the nomination. Motion to carried.

Appointments: Jeff King made a motion to appoint the Town Officials listed on page 8 of the Poultney Town Report. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment and Concerns: Bruce Lierman provided information regarding the new biking initiative of the Western New England Green - Way. Handouts regarding the project were distributed. The purpose of the project is to create a signed bicycle route from the Vermont Canadian border to Norwalk CT. The Corridor is made up of public roads and trails. The organization is seeking a US Bike Route 7. The proposed signed route would include 12 miles of roads in the Town of Poultney. The organization would be responsible for providing signage throughout the route. Discussion followed. Bruce Lierman requested that the Selectboard provide a letter of support for the project. Jeff King made a motion to write a letter of support for the project. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief and Scott Williams, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief distributed copies of the February 2015 Captain's Report. Aaron and Scott discussed topics of the budget and equipment.

Road Report:

- 1) Ron Kelley and Tom Beatty viewed the cab for the control location prior to installation on the new truck. The truck will have a back-up camera installed through a grant from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.
- 2) Ron will be seeking quotes for tree and brush work for the FEMA project (winter ice storm in December).

- 3) The road crew attended an MSHA safety training meeting.
- 4) Stone and crushed gravel has been ordered for the impending mud season.
- 5) Frost heaves are beginning to appear.
- 6) Rosenthal will conduct a Title search for a piece of property that will be affected by a road reclassification.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the Expenditure Reports for the General Government, Highway Department and the Fire Department dated February 26th were distributed
- 2) Rosenthal passed the Incident Command System (ICS-100) exam. This is one of the qualifying criteria for a State reimbursement (12.5 %) on all FEMA declared disasters.
- 3) Public Safety Contract for Policing services was discussed. Due to a large increase in the hourly rate in this years State Police contract and the inflexibility of coverage (schedule changes) the following motion was made - Jeff King made a motion to exercise the 30 day notice to discontinue the State Police contract effective March 30th.
- 4) Copies of the Rutland County Sherriff's Contract were distributed and discussed. Jeff King made a motion to approve the contract effective March 27. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried. A public Informational meeting regarding the Sherriff's Department Patrol services will be held at the Poultney High School Library on March 24th at 6:30 PM.
- 5) There will be a Informational meeting regarding the Scoping Report prepared by the Agency of Transportation for Bridge # 2 on VT Route 140 this Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 PM. at the Poultney High School Library.
- 6) Rosenthal attended a meeting at Green Mountain College to discuss a proposed a Community Composting Facility. Jim O'Gorman and Deane Wilson from the Rutland County Solid Waste District also attended the meeting. The College is seeking to construct a Composting facility to meet the new state law requirements regarding food waste. Further information will follow as the College meets with the VT Department of Natural Resources in the next few months.
- 7) Rosenthal mentioned some less costly options the Town may want to implement for the new State Law for solid waste that goes into effect on July 1 known as the Pay as You Throw. The Board will need to make a decision very soon as to how to proceed.
- 8) Copies of furnishing cost estimates for the Library project, prepared by Rebecca Cook, were distributed. The total amount of \$ 75,181 was presented. The Library may be eligible for 15 % of that amount or \$ 11,277 under a USDA Rural Development Grant. Rosenthal will meet with Rebecca Cook before the next meeting to discuss the grant application.
- 9) Copies of a letter from Mary Jo Teetor was distributed dated March 9th regarding the State Statute - Lack of elected lister; appointment of lister; elimination of office. Mary Jo was seeking an answer to her inquiry as to whether she qualifies as an Assessor and could be appointed by the Board. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- 10) An application for a Certificate of Public Good has been filed (dated February 25, 2015) with the Public Service Board for a net metered power system by Same Sun Solar Society for a project off of Granville Street. A copy has been forwarded unto the Poultney Planning Commission.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business - Liquor License Permit: Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the Liquor License permit for Shaw's. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corey Davenport made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeff King made a motion leave executive session at 8:20 PM. Jeff King made a motion to table the request until further information regarding the personnel policies are provided. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Orders: Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal